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A.—(a) & (c) All vaccines are prepared in places specially appointed for the purpose at the King Institute under the expert supervision of the Director and the Assistant Director by a staff of specially trained assistants. All vaccines are duly tested before they are sent out.

(b) Vaccines are sent out from the King Institute according to a previously fixed programme to vaccinators direct.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I have known cases and heard cases in which vaccination has proved disastrous to children. That is the reason why I wish to know what precautions are taken. The answer is vague. I want to know how the vaccine is sent, how it is cased and all that."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The answer is that the Government have no information of vaccination proving disastrous to children. If the hon. Member has any such cases in view, it is perfectly open to him to bring them to the notice of the Government."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" There are hundreds of cases all over the Presidency and I wish to know whether sufficient precaution is taken."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It is presumed that sufficient precautions are taken. If the hon. Member would bring to the notice of Government anything to the contrary, Government would make the necessary investigations."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Will the hon. Minister state whether the vaccinators are taking all the necessary precautions in vaccinating ?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It is rather a difficult question to answer. All that I can say is that they are expected to take all the precautions."

Education.

Access for depressed classes to the elementary day school in Kalpathy agraharam.

* 124 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that an elementary day school is located in a rented building in the Kalpathy agraharam within Palghat municipal limits to which the members of the depressed classes have no access through the public way ;

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to make enquiries into the matter ;

(c) how many teachers are employed in the school ;

(d) how many Brahman teachers and how many non-Brahman teachers ;

(e) how many trained teachers and how many untrained teachers are employed ;

(f) whether the Government are aware that the depressed class member who represents the depressed classes on the Palghat Municipal Council cannot even go to the school to inspect the school owing to prohibition by the Kalpathy Brahmans ; and

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(g) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (f), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for a report

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—“May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether the report said to have been called for will be placed on the table of the House as soon as it is received?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Yes.”

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Emigration.

Recruitment of coolies to Assam.

125 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the action taken by the Government on the report of the Commissioner of Labour No. E. 276/24, dated 22nd November 1924, regarding the recruitment of coolies to Assam;

(b) the number of Sirdars in the Madras Presidency who held offices as such, in November 1924, though they had not worked on the estates in Assam even for three months; and

(c) whether there is any provision for sending back on a medical certificate coolies who are recruited for Assam tea estates but are unable to stand the climate there?

A.—(a) The Government have addressed the Government of Assam and the Assam Labour Board in connexion with the report;

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) There is no provision to this effect in the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, 1901, as amended; attention is, however, invited to section 159 of the Act.

Forests.

Reserve forests in Agaram firka in Vellore taluk.

126 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the villages in the Agaram firka in Vellore taluk, North Arcot district, where the cultivated lands and homesteads are within a distance of half a mile of the reserved forests;

(b) how many villagers have their patta lands just adjacent to and touching the reserve line;

(c) the extent of grazing poramboke available in each village;

(d) whether it is a fact that more than 1,000 acres of the present reserve were under cultivation by the ryots of these villages prior to the resettlement some twelve years back;

(e) whether it is a fact that wells, survey stones, etc., are found within the reserve limits even to-day; and

(f) whether the whole forest area is mere scrub jungle and is used only for grazing?